

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 29, 2006, 4:30 p.m.
Council Chambers**

PRESENT

Trena Carter
Greg Lewis
Tony McClendon
Wes Roy
Akua Ofori-Boateng
Gil Palmer
John Roberts
John Stroh

ABSENT

Ian Kohen
Jay Myers
Jason Staley

***** Meeting Called to Order *****

STAFF PRESENT:

Director Arlette Tinsley, Deputy Director Lorraine Smith and Secretary Lula Young.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Chairperson Palmer entertained a motion to table agenda items for Commissioners to hear presentations from guests.

Commissioner Stroh moved to table agenda items to allow Commissioners time to hear presentations from students and guests. Commissioner Lewis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Tinsley introduced Trena Carter as the newly appointed Commissioner who will fulfill the term of Commissioner Schroeder. Commissioner Carter was welcomed by all.

The guest speakers, Steven A. Ramos, Michael Babcock and C. J. Cook were then introduced by Director Tinsley.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PROJECT STEPPING STONE – IU SUMMER ACADEMY

Mr. Ramos provided an overview of Project Stepping Stone, a one-week college campus program focused on helping Hispanic youth prepare for college and business career opportunities. The program is provided free of charge to students and sponsored in part by the National Society of Hispanic MBAs. Michael Babcock, a North High School student,

participated in the Project Stepping Stone program and explained to Commissioners that the program helped him to realize that attending college is a goal that he can attain.

C. J. Cook, also a student at North High School, participated in the IU Summer Academy's Junior Executive Program. C. J. shared his perspective about his future college attendance and that he learned in the program that he has a personal responsibility to prepare accordingly. Discussion with Commissioners ensued.

TALKS Mentoring Program:

Joie Ayala, a teacher at Northside Middle School, in conjunction with co-coordinator Tammie LeClerc, submitted a strategic plan for the TALKS Mentoring Program to Commissioners. After providing an overview of the program, Mrs. Ayala submitted a request for financial support of a trip to the Kidscommons museum for student participants.

Commissioner Roberts moved that the Commission donate \$250.00 in support of the Kidscommons visit for the TALKS students. Commissioner McClendon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM/CURRENT EVENTS & COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Bill Jensen, Director of Secondary Education with BCSC thanked Commissioners and staff for support of the Tim Wise presentation. Mr. Jensen went on to provide an overview of the six main points addressed by Mr. Wise. Discussion ensued about ongoing dialogues within the school system and community at large. Assistant East Principal, Charles Edwards, stated that although the discussions within the school system were similar prior to Tim Wise's presentation, the current discussions have deepened.

Commissioner Stroh moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McClendon seconded. Meeting adjourned.